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I have read this form and certify that I understand its contents. Date

NOTE: A refusal by the resident to sign requires the signatures of at least one witness in addition to that of the medical staff member.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

LONNIE CAMMON, (AIS #236498),

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Plaintiff,

V.

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DOCTOR SEDIET and PRISON HEALTH SERVICES,

Defendants.

SPECIAL REPORT OF DEFENDANTS PRISON HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND TAHIR SIDDIQ, M.D.

COME NOW Defendants Prison Health Services, Inc. (identified in the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as "PMS Prison Medical Services") (hereinafter PHS) and Tahir Siddiq, M.D. (incorrectly identified in the Plaintiff's Complaint as "Doctor Sediet") in response to this Honorable Court's Order and present the following Special Report with regard to this matter:

I. INTRODUCTION

The Plaintiff, Lonnie Cammon (AIS# 236498) is a 76 year old inmate currently confined at Bullock County Correctional Facility located in Union Springs, Alabama. On July 31, 2006, Cammon filed a Complaint against Defendant PHS, the company that currently contracts with the Alabama Department of Corrections to provide healthcare to inmates at Bullock and other correctional facilities throughout the State of Alabama and Tahir Siddiq, M.D., Bullock's Medical Director, alleging that the nursing staff at Easterling Correctional Facility provided him with improper medication that caused him to have a stroke. See Complaint). Pursuant to court order the Plaintiff amended his

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Complaint on August 23, 2006 to add claims that Dr. Siddiq failed to provide the Plaintiff with inappropriate medical care on August 5, 2006 and August 11, 2006. (See Amended Complaint). The Plaintiff further claims that Dr. Siddiq has acted inappropriately in failing to send him to a specialist for evaluation. (Id.) The Plaintiff demands that the Court issue an Order requiring that PHS send him to an "outside" care provider for unspecified medical treatment. (Id.) He also demands \$100,000,000,000 in damages. (Id.)

As directed, the Defendants have undertaken a review of Plaintiff Cammon's claims to determine the facts and circumstances relevant thereto. At this time, the Defendants are submitting this Special Report, which is supported by a Certified Copy of Plaintiff Cammon's medical records (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), the Affidavit of Tahir Siddiq, M.D. (attached hereto as Exhibit "B") and the Affidavit of Kay Wilson, R.N., H.S.A. (attached hereto as Exhibit "C"). These evidentiary materials demonstrate that Plaintiff Cammon has been provided appropriate medical treatment for his complaints at all times, and that the allegations in his Complaint are without merit.

II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF FACTS

At all pertinent times, Lonnie Cammon (AIS# 236498) has been incarcerated as an inmate at Bullock and Easterling Correctional Facilities. (See Exhibits "A" – "C"). Cammon has been seen and evaluated by the medical or nursing staff at Easterling and Bullock, and has been referred to an appropriate care provider and given appropriate care, each time he has registered any health complaints at these facilities. (Id.)

Mr. Cammon has filed a Complaint in this matter alleging that Dr. Siddiq failed to provide him with appropriate medical care on August 5, 2006 and August 11, 2006. (See Amended Complaint). Mr. Cammon does not, however, specify how Dr. Siddiq has

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failed to treat him appropriately. (Id.) He also states that that Dr. Siddiq has acted inappropriately in failing to refer him specialty evaluation. (Id.) Mr. Cammon's allegations are completely unfounded. (See Exhibits "A" & "B").

Mr. Cammon was transferred to Bullock County Correctional Facility on May 31, 2006. (See Exhibit "A"). Dr. Siddiq evaluated Mr. Cammon on June 1, 2006 for complaints of swelling in the left arm. (Id.) Dr. Siddig provided Mr. Cammon with a physical evaluation and determined that he had swelling of the left elbow with tenderness. (Id.) He exhibited strong pulses. (Id.) Dr. Siddiq prescribed him a Decadron (corticosteroid) injection to combat swelling. (Id.) He was prescribed Naproxen for pain. IN LIEU of Retro Metrice (Id.)

On June 2, 2006 fluid was taken from Mr. Cammon's elbow. (Id.) It was determined that he did not suffer from gout. (Id.) On July 10, 2006, Dr. Siddiq again evaluated Mr. Cammon and determined that his swelling was greatly reduced. (Id.) He exhibited good range of motion. (Id.) On July 17, 2006, Mr. Cammon presented again with swelling in the forearm. (Id.) Dr. Siddiq started Mr. Cammon on prednisone. (Id.)

Contrary to the allegations in his Complaint, Mr. Cammon did not present to the healthcare unit for treatment on either August 5, 2006 or August 11, 2006. (Id.) In fact, he did not present for treatment at all during the month of August 2006. (Id.) He presented to the healthcare unit again on September 11, 2006 with renewed complaints for elbow and back pain. (Id.) He refused further treatment at that time. (Id.) Specialty evaluation is not medically indicated for Mr. Cammon's treatment. (Id.) 429 US AT 105

Mr. Cammon has also alleged that the nursing staff at Easterling failed to provide him with appropriate medications during the year 2006 and, as a result of this failure, he was caused to suffer a stroke. (See Complaint). Mr. Cammon's allegations are simply unfounded. (See Exhibits "A" - "C").

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Mr. Cammon was maintained with numerous medications while incarcerated at Easterling during the year 2006. (See Exhibit "C"). Specifically, Mr. Cammon was prescribed Ditropan¹, NitroQuick/Nitroglycerin², Aspirin³, Mevacor⁴, Tylenol, KCL, Bactrim⁵, Isordil⁶, Lasix⁷, Zantac⁸, Prednisone⁹, Feldene¹⁰ Cosopt¹¹, Colchicine¹², Artificial tears, Miconazole Cream¹³ and Bengay. (Id.) These medications were prescribed to Mr. Cammon by Easterling's Medical Director, Jean Darbouze, M.D., and were adjusted by Dr. Darbouze as warranted by his changing medical condition. (Id.) The nursing staff at Easterling gave Mr. Cammon his medications as prescribed. (Id.) There is no indication that any of Mr. Cammon's medications have caused him to suffer a stroke. (Id.)

All of Mr. Cammon's medical conditions and complaints have been evaluated and treated in a timely and appropriate fashion. (See Exhibits "A"-"C"). Mr. Cammon has been seen and evaluated by the medical or nursing staff, and he has been referred to an

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³ Prevention and treatment of stroke and heart attack.

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⁷ Lasix is a loop diuretic (water pill) that prevents the body from absorbing too much salt, allowing the salt to instead be passed in urine.

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
I, County OF I, Central County, hereby certify that TAHIR SIDDIQ, M.D. who being known to me and State and County, hereby certify that TAHIR SIDDIQ, M.D. who being known to me and
who being duly sworn, and whose name is signed to the loregoing document, acknowledged before me on this date that being first informed of the contents of said document, having read the same, and understanding its purpose and effect, voluntarily executed the same upon the above-stated date.
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AFFIDAVIT OF KAY WILSON, R.N., H.S.A.

BEFORE ME, County and State, personally appeared KAY WILSON, R.N., H.S.A., and being duly sworn, deposed and says on oath that the averments contained in the foregoing are true to the best of her ability, information, knowledge and belief, as follows:

"My name is Kay Wilson. I am over the age of twenty-one and am personally familiar with all of the facts set forth in this Affidavit. I have been a licensed, registered nurse in Alabama since 1985. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Troy State University. Since 1985, I have practiced nursing in a variety of positions and settings. In particular, I have worked as a nurse at Easterling Correctional Facility in Clio, Alabama, since March of 2001. Since November 3, 2003, I have been employed as the Health Service Administrator (H.S.A.) for Easterling Correctional Facility by Prison Health Services, Inc., the company which currently contracts with the Alabama Department of Corrections to provide medical services to inmates.

Lonnie Cammon (AIS #236498) is an inmate who was incarcerated at Easterling Correctional Facility from August 22, 2005 through May 31, 2006 when he was transferred to Bullock County Correctional Facility. I am familiar with Mr. Cammon and have been involved with the medical and nursing services provided to him at Easterling. In addition, I have reviewed Mr. Cammon's Complaint in this action as (well as his medical records (certified copies of which are being produced to the Court along with this tree helasso Affidavit).

13. It is my understanding that Mr. Cammon has filed a Complaint in this matter alleging that the nursing staff at Easterling failed to provide him with appropriate medications during the year 2006 and, as a result of this failure, Mr. Cammon was caused to suffer a stroke. Mr. Cammon's allegations are simply unfounded.

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Based on my review of Mr. Cammon's medical records, and on my personal knowledge of the treatment provided to him, it is my opinion that his medical conditions were evaluated and treated in a timely and appropriate fashion at Easterling Correctional Facility. At all times, myself and the other healthcare providers at Easterling exercised the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as other similarly situated health care providers would have exercised under the same or similar circumstances. In other words, it is my opinion that the appropriate standard of care was adhered to at all times in providing medical care, nursing care, evaluation, and treatment to this immate. At no time did I or any of the medical or nursing staff at Easterling deny Mr. Cammon any needed medical or nursing treatment, nor did we ever act with deliberate indifference to any serious medical need of Mr. Cammon. At all times, Mr. Cammon's medical conditions were addressed as promptly as possible under the circumstances."

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